



ALEXANDRIA.

SATURDAY EVENING, JULY 14.

A meeting was held at Winchester, last Saturday, in reference to the proposed National Convention. Mr. R. X. Conrad in the chair. He made an address on the subject, in which he stated that he thought no harm could result from an appointment of delegates, leaving with them discretionary power as to their future action. He expressed his cordial approbation of the motives and objects of the proposed Convention. Resolutions were unanimously adopted appointing Delegates to a State Convention, and recommending a District Convention to be held at Winchester, on the 24th of July, to appoint delegates to the National Convention. The Winchester News says:—"We do not know whether a District Convention will be held, as the papers in the other counties of the District have said but little upon the subject. The Convention for this county was not largely attended, perhaps owing to the gathering of the wheat crop. However, it was very respectable in point of talent, and was composed of many of our most worthy citizens."

The Valley Virginian, thinks, upon the whole, "the situation" in the South is improving. Our people are working; the negroes are beginning to understand who are their best friends, and are doing well—better than could be expected. The prospect of the grain, cotton and cheese crops are good, and provisions will be cheap and plenty. The same kind and protecting Providence that watched over us, while it dealt so harshly, as we thought, is now helping us to surmount our difficulties, and in spite of the difficulties, in spite of not being represented now in the Senate of the United States, the South will revive and prosper. Let us be patient, hopeful, and "pull together."

The Lynchburg News records the defeat in the Senate, of the late attempt further to deplete the State of Virginia, as an event of deep and beneficent congratulation not alone to the people of Alexandria, but to Virginia also. The News says:—"The old Dominion has surely been despoiled enough by the lopping off, of course of her fairest counties, and attaching them to a section with whose people there is no identity of feeling, and but little community of interest; and that she has not been further outraged efforts occasion for earnest rejoicing."

A special order for the mustering out of those officers of white troops on duty in the Freedmen's Bureau, whose regiments have been mustered out of service several months since, was yesterday issued from the War Department. The order directs that all volunteer officers, not officers of the Veteran Reserve Corps, or duty in the Freedmen's Bureau, belonging to regiments of white troops, are, by virtue of this order, mustered out and honorably discharged the service of the United States, on account of their services being no longer required.

The Fredericksburg Herald says:—"The county of Spotsylvania has, undoubtedly, more Federal soldiers buried in her soil than any other county in the South. We hear that 2,000 have already been exhumed and re-interred at the new cemetery on Willis' Hill, but we suppose the tens of thousands who fell at the Battle of Gettysburg, and the Wilderness, will hardly be brought to Fredericksburg for internment."

The postponement of the tariff bill until the next session of Congress, seems to give much satisfaction. The New York Times says:—"The Senate has earned the gratitude of the country by postponing until another session all action upon the tariff. Commerce may again breathe freely. Industry may bless its good fortune in being saved from the clutches of monopolists."

The Richmond Times says:—"Military men of modern days have seldom had the gift of oratory, and neither in present nor past times have officers made good soldiers. The truth of the last part of the remark has been amply exemplified during the late war, and some successful generals of the United States are commencing to illustrate the former."

We have accounts of two vegetable products, besides of grass, from which it is supposed the fabric may be manufactured. One is a grass native to New Zealand, the other a native China grass. These are said, both to be likely to succeed in the manufacture of cloth, rope, &c.

A duel was fought this week, near Memphis between Alonzo Greenlow and A. B. Taylor, of Kentucky. The latter was killed at the first shot. The recent reported duel of Messrs. Ward and Mayo, at Richmond, Va., turns out to be only a "sham" affair, gotten up as a practical joke.

Prof. J. W. Leftwich, M. C. elect from the 2nd district of Tennessee, and a strong union man throughout the war, has addressed a letter to the members of the Tennessee Legislature, urging them not to ratify the constitutional amendment proposed by Congress.

The Washington Chronicle is in favor of an amendment to the constitution, making the Presidential term six instead of four years, and the President ineligible for re-election during the two years after the expiration of his term.

The cholera has again made its appearance in Holland, Germany and France, and in some places, has been very destructive. The London Lancet calls attention to the subject.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The Fredericksburg Herald says:—"An accident occurred in Essex county some eight or ten days ago, on the farm of Mr. R. P. Waring, by the bursting of a shell, which caused the death, instantly, of three persons, and the narrow escape of two or four others. An old negro man had found a shell from which he was extracting the powder, two of his children being present. After getting out a small quantity he called to a negro man to come and assist him. Immediately afterwards the shell exploded, causing the death of all four. A negro woman, a hundred yards off, saw the explosion, and in a moment afterwards a whole party, from the thigh to the foot, fell at her side. The old man's wife, with two more of his children, were in a cabin adjacent. A piece of the shell knocked out two of the legs, and the escape of the party was little less than a miracle."

Tony Nelson, a colored man, died near Suffolk, Va., and was buried on the 4th instant, in the 94th year of his age. This old man helped to cut what is known as the "Washington ditch," a canal leading from the western margin of the Dismal Swamp to Drummond's Lake—an enterprise which was projected by Gen. Washington. Tony had never lived during his life two miles from the Dismal Swamp, and most of his time in the swamp. He had been the husband of twenty-one wives, six of whom are now living, and yet in his extreme old age and last sickness no one of them would nurse him. Being freed by the proclamation of the President and subsequent action of the State, he died in extreme poverty.

The Fredericksburg Herald says:—"Major James Johnson fills the place in the Freedmen's Bureau, in Fredericksburg, formerly occupied by Major Morse. The following counties constitute the district: Spotsylvania, Stafford, King George, Westmoreland, Richmond, Northumberland, Lancaster, Essex, Middlesex, King and Queen and Caroline. The district is divided into nine sub-districts, in each of which an officer resides, who reports to Major Johnson."

The Leesburg Washingtonian says:—"Gen. M. D. Corse, of the late Confederate Army, is on a visit to his friends near Leesburg. He looks well, and cheerful. The members of his old regiment here, whom he led through many battles, and with whom he shared many hardships, both as Colonel and General, were delighted to see him. Few have gone through the fiery ordeal with a record more honorable and enviable than his."

The bronze statue of Washington, which was removed from the Virginia Military Institute by General Hunter when he made his desolating passage through Lexington in 1864, has been restored, and will be reinaugurated on the 10th of September, on which occasion Governor Leitch will, at the request of the Board, deliver an address.

The people of Prince George and Surry have recently been the victims of a gang of negro highwaymen, who rob, pillage and beat with apparent impunity. Men are stopped in the most public roads, houses are broken into day and night, and stock is carried off almost daily, and a terror prevails in some localities which it would be difficult to exaggerate.

Amongst the names of the Faculty of Washington College, Lexington, of which Gen. Lee is President, we see the name of C. Powell Grady, A. M., Assistant Professor of Latin—son of the late Dr. Frank Grady, of Loudoun. One hundred applications for admission to the Virginia Military Institute have already been received by Gen. F. H. Smith, Superintendent.

Two hundred and forty-two pounds of North Carolina manufactured tobacco was sold in Richmond on Tuesday for \$230 per one hundred pounds!

NEWS OF THE DAY.

To show the very age and body of the Times."

Secretary Welles has written a letter to Senator Doolittle, cordially endorsing the call for a Convention, to meet at Philadelphia on the 14th of August next, to sustain the restoration policy of President Johnson.

A fire broke out in Virginia City, the centre of the silver mining district of California, on the 11th of last month, which destroyed about a hundred wood, brick and stone buildings together with their contents. The extent of the loss thus sustained is not stated.

Rumors are rife of a pending dissolution of the Cabinet. It is asserted that Mr. Speed has resigned or was to tender his resignation upon his return from his visit to the West. No doubt is felt as to the intention of Messrs. Harlan and Stanton to offer their resignations.

Senator Trumbull's bill to restrain the President from exercising his constitutional power during the recess of Congress, or removal and appointment, will be passed, provided a two-thirds vote can be secured for it. It will hardly be sent to the President if it is to fall under the veto.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.—The Senate, yesterday, passed the joint resolution giving the Union Pacific railroad the right of way through military reservations, and postponed until the next session the Niagara Falls Ship canal bill. A bill was reported to amend the act reimbursing the several States for moneys expended in defence of the Union; as was also a bill to restore to the States lately in insurrection their full political rights.

The House passed a bill incorporating the National Soldiers and Sailors Orphans' Home, and then took up the bill making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the government. Among the amendments adopted was one appropriating \$100,000 to rebuild the customhouse at Portland, Me. An amendment was also adopted which in effect repeals the 24th section of the act of 1863, allowing compensation to the loyal owners of slaves who were enlisted in the service. The bill as amended was then passed. The contest election case of Fuller vs. Dawson was decided, by declaring the latter duly elected to his seat. A bill was reported from the ways and means committee "to protect the revenue"—which was made the order of the day for to-day.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Times states that Mr. Raymond, in the Republican caucus held on Wednesday night last, did not admit he had done wrong, as reported by correspondents of other journals, nor did he retract anything he had said or written, or make any promises for himself or the New York Times, either in regard to the Convention or any other subject.

Ex-Governor Henry A. Wise is to deliver a Lecture, in Norfolk, on the "Repairs of Southern churches."

LETTER FROM HANOVER COUNTY VIRGINIA.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)
HANOVER CO., VA., July 13th.—On Monday evening, there was quite a refreshing rain in this section. The crops of corn and oats look well—the wheat crop is small—very small—and the quality not very good. Our system of labor is as good as was generally anticipated, but, it falls far short of what it formerly was. The most successful farmer in this county, and the best manager I ever knew, who has nearly all of his old hands with him, informed me, a short time since, that four of them, at present, do not perform as much effective labor as two did, anterior to their entrance into the Bureau. Though owning an excellent farm, he says "that farming now is neither pleasant nor profitable—one must have some other system, or sell out."

A young active freedman, who is working by the month, has his wife with him, and receives good wages, was heard to say, last week, that he wished he had never been in his present condition—if he had still been the servant of his old master he would not be toiling in the harvest field in such a melting sun as he then endured—for he would only complain of indolence, and his master would send him to the shade. But now, he said, "I am obliged to work or starve, and have no one to feel but myself. Oh! that I was with old master once more, as I used to be."

As we gaze on the fields and forests of this western world, and find almost every trace of their former owners obliterated, we sorrowfully exclaim, "Oh! the poor Indian." In a few years, when the race is nearly extinct, through excessive humanity, we may have to cry, alas! poor Canaan.

You may hear, probably, comparatively but few expressions of sympathy for poor Alexandria, in view of the prospect of having her forcibly torn from her weeping, bleeding, mangled mother, and thrown into the arms of the Radicals. But I assure you every true son of Virginia feels as deeply for her, as any of her citizens. But we see no prospect of arresting the madness of the hour, and hence we calmly, but hopefully, bide our time. We have lost many of our old liberties, but faith in the mercy, goodness and justice of God, no one can wrest from us, and we, by faith, look through the surrounding gloom to a brighter and better day, when, too, shall Alexandria, but western Virginia, not be recognized once more as a portion of old Virginia. Be of good cheer, then, oppressed people, for your deliverance will come by and by.

In relation to the Philadelphia Convention, our people here hope that good will result from its deliberations, but that wish the Northern people to show their hands, develop their principles, and open the campaign without any interference from the South.

A Memorial Association, known as the "North Anna Memorial Association," has been organized at Elton, near Hewlett's, and last Monday the working parties were appointed. They have found about 150 bodies of the Confederate dead, between Beaver Dam and the junction. The cemetery will be at Elton, CHURCH.

The accounts received from Germany of the recent battles there still leave the question in doubt as to whether the Prussians or the Austrians were finally the victors.

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W. D. STUART, A. M.
ALEXANDRIA, July 10, 24w4w

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